

Torrance, California.
October 22, 1935.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, Tuesday evening, October 22, 1935.

Mayor Ludlow called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

City Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 8th, the special meeting of October 16th, and the special meeting of October 18th, 1935, be approved as written. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett announced this was the time set to open bids for the library and auditorium building sites.

Councilman Klusman raised a question as to the legality of the bids, inasmuch as he believed a district had been created. City Attorney Rippey explained that no district had been legally created and that in any case it was not a legal question, as there is no statute requiring the calling for bids.

Clerk Bartlett then opened the bids.

The first bid was from Mr. Samuel Aidlin, covering Lots 19 and 20, Block 6 - Price \$4750.00.

The second bid was from Louis and Bella Gold Taback, covering Lot 23, Block 6 - Price \$1600.00.

The third bid was from the Torrance Development Company, covering Lots 28, 29, 30 and 31, Block 8, Torrance Tract- Price \$4850.00. Size 120' x 155', with alley at side and rear.

The fourth bid was from the Torrance Investment Company, covering:
(1) Lots 2 and 3, Block 15 - 95' x 136.52' - Price \$9000.00.

(2) Lot 24, Block 7 - 65' x 130' - Price \$10,000.00.

(3) Lots 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 8 - 130' x 155' - Price \$8000.00.

(4) Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 14 - 125' x 156.32' - Price \$ 15,000.00.

(5) Lots 1 and 2, Block 16 - 80' x 136.52' - Price \$7500.00.

Clerk Bartlett then read a letter from Richard J. Marsden, offering Lots 20 and 21, Tract 5944, for \$2500.00, if purchased before November 22, 1935. Size 100' x 150'.

The bids were ordered placed on active file for further consideration.

COMMUNICATIONS

The City Clerk read a letter from State of California Department of Public Works, regarding allocation of gas tax funds. City Engineer Leonard stated that \$3665.00 is the amount which will be available from this fund.

Communication requesting position as Supervisor for summer playground for 1936, from Harry W. Phillips. This was ordered kept in open file.

Communication from Veterans Cooperative Unit 244, which accompanied seven boxes of canned goods which were presented to the members of the Council, the City Clerk and the City Engineer. Councilman Klusman moved that the Clerk be instructed to send a vote of thanks. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Letter from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce regarding appropriation of funds for the purpose of advertising with the Torrance Symphonic Orchestra. The City of Torrance was requested to contribute \$50.00, and it was stated that the Chamber had contributed a like amount. Councilman Tolson moved that the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated for this purpose. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Communication from Smith-Emery Company, Chemists and Engineers, submitting analysis of water from the new well.

Invitation to attend Sixteenth Annual Convention of American Waterworks Association, to be held in San Diego October 23rd to 26th, inclusive. Placed on file.

Communication from Torrance Electric Shop, quoting prices on servicing and repairing Neon signs. Referred to Chamber of Commerce.

Attorney Rippe presented a letter from E. D. Moore, State Counsel, Home Owners Loan Corporation, regarding Damuth condemnation matter. Mr. Rippe explained that if the complaint is not answered by November 15th, the City can enter by default and take the strip of property for \$75.00.

Attorney Rippe presented for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 270

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS OF SAID CITY, AND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF SAID BONDS

Councilman Stanger moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 270 be dispensed with. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried. Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 270 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippe presented for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 271

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING SPECIAL GAS TAX STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND

Councilman Stanger moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 271 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 271 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion; the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippe presented for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 272

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THE VACATING AND CLOSING UP OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ELLIS AVENUE

Councilman Stanger moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 272 be dispensed with. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 272 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 273

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
DECLARING THE VACATING AND CLOSING UP
OF CERTAIN STREETS AND ALLEYS IN TRACT
NO. 5957

Councilman Stanger moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 273 be dispensed with. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried. Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 273 be approved for the first reading. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: NONE.

Attorney Rippy presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 753

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO CLOSE UP AND
VACATE A PORTION OF NEECE AVENUE

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 753 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 754

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$207.58 TO SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

Councilman Hitchcock moved the adoption of Resolution No. 754. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried.

Attorney Rippy presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 755

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO
ACCEPT THREE DEEDS TO PORTION OF
NEECE AVENUE

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 755 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that work had been started on the new warehouse this date.

Councilman Stanger reported that the new directing signs had been ordered, and that the stop lights had been received and would be installed during the week.

Councilman Tolson stated that a communication from Miss Meredith regarding new recreation set-up had been received.

Clerk Bartlett reported that the National Youth Administration plan will not be under way for approximately 30 days. City Engineer Leonard reported that the set-up for this district is being prepared and Judge Robert Lessing is making a list of young people for this work.

Mayor Ludlow called attention of the Council to a plan of the City Engineer for improvement of a portion of Cabrillo Avenue north of Carson Street, through the use of gas funds, and called upon City Engineer Leonard to outline the proposal.

The City Engineer referred to \$3665.00 which becomes available out of the 1/4¢ gasoline tax for the improvement of local streets, and stated that provided the council saw fit to direct its use for this purpose, it would be possible to file a project with the Department of Public Works for resurfacing El Prado and Cabrillo Avenue north of Carson Street, including the paving of the 16-foot strip of the Pacific Electric right-of-way and the construction of the necessary curb, which total expense was estimated at \$5818.00; and that as \$5000.00 had been pledged by Supervisor Quinn for the improvement of Cabrillo Avenue, \$2000.00 of this amount could be used, leaving a balance of \$153.00 to be paid from the general fund for the supervision of the work, and that this would undoubtedly expedite the improvement, as projects filed with the W.P.A. were not apparently being ordered started.

Attorney Rippe presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 756

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE OF
GAS TAX FUNDS ON EL PRADO AND CABRILLO AVENUES

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 756 be adopted, requesting the expenditure of \$3665.00 allotted to the City of Torrance out of the 1/4¢ gasoline tax for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, to be used for the resurfacing, paving and/or building of curbs upon or along roadways of El Prado and Cabrillo Avenues and between Carson Street and Western Avenue, in the City of Torrance; and that this Resolution be forwarded to the Highway Department and/or Department of Public Works of the State of California. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Engineer Leonard reported that he had filed this date with the W.P.A. the project covering the Vista Highlands sewer, also the volley ball court, tennis court and fence projects.

Councilman Stanger reported that it would be necessary to acquire an additional lot in order to have sufficient parking space for the new City Hall project, and stated that the Dr. Barlow lot (Lot 19, Block 15) could be purchased for \$3000.00.

As the Council had previously authorized an offer of \$2500.00 for this lot, Councilman Tolson moved that an additional \$500.00 be appropriated for this lot, and a 60-day option taken, contingent upon obtaining grant for municipal buildings from the Government. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion; the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Roberts stated that the proposed improvement of Cabrillo Avenue will create a traffic hazard as now planned, as the paving will be 16 ft. wider north of Carson Street than it is south of that street. He suggested that this matter be taken up with the Pacific Electric in an endeavor to pave 16 feet west of the tracks on Cabrillo Ave. to Plaza del Amo. Engineer Leonard stated that the matter could be discussed with representatives of the Pacific Electric when the other work has been started.

Councilman Stanger moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Tolson, the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, October 23, 1935 at 4:30 P.M. for the purpose of conferring with the architects, Walker and Eisen.

Adjournment at 9:50 P.M.

A. H. Bander
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved: A. F. Ludlow
Mayor of the City of Torrance.